GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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REPORTS OF COMMISSIONER, RAILWAY SAFETY
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of enquiry reports are pending with the Commissioner of Railway Safety;

(b) if so, whether there has been delay in completion of enquiry and filing of report on railway accidents;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to set time-limits for enquiry of train accidents and filing of report by Commissioner of Railway Safety; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a), (b) and (c): Commissioners of Railway Safety generally submit their detailed accident enquiry reports within 60 days of occuring of an accident on railways. However, this limit might exceed in exceptional circumstances where the examination of factors necessary for arriving at the cause of accident are time consuming and beyond the control of the Commission.

(d) and (e): There already exists a time frame for dealing with railway accident enquiries under which the Commissioner of Railway safety are expected to submit preliminary reports within ten days and final reports within sixty days of occurrence of an accidents on railways.